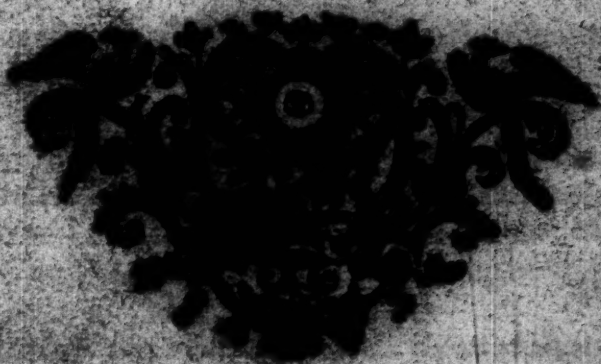


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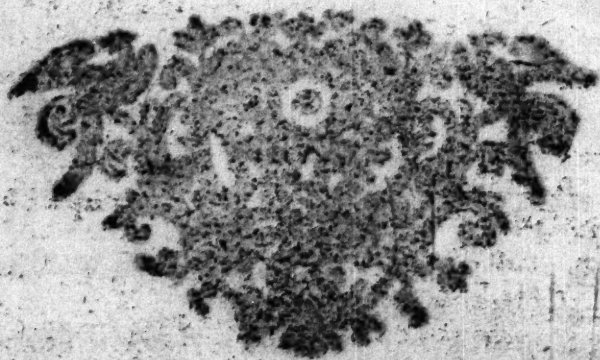
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C H A P T E R

**I** Said unto my Heart, go to now; the People of this Land are they not Kings, and the Kings thereof, are they not People?

And I communed with myself saying, am I not Sovereign of this Land, forasmuch as I am one of the People?

Behold the Aldermen of this City, they are not Aldermen; and the Judges judge not according to Judgment.

I will arise therefore and I will raise unto myself a Seat in the midst of the Assembly of this People, and they shall know that I am Somebody.

And I took unto me of the Gums of *Arabia*, and of Balm, and of Myrrh and of Spikenard.

Also I took of Album Græcum one Measure of the Sanctuary, and of these I composed the Composition of the Apothecary.

This I did that the Smell thereof should ascend unto the high Places and the Odour thereof be of sweet Savour in the Nostils of the People.

And it came to pass as I mingled the Gum and the Balm, the Myrrh and the Spikenard together with the Album Græcum.

Lo

Lo the Fire waxed hot and the Vessel burst insunder  
The Fragments thereof were scattered abroad  
and the Works of mine Hand flew in my Face.

Then was I sore vexed in the Flesh and I became  
blind even as one of the Children of Darknes.

Yet in mine Affliction forgot I not my Integrity  
and I called upon the Name of the Doctor.

The same who is called *Taylor*, a mighty Man  
of renown, he also was Fumigated and the Smell  
thereof abideth on him to this Day.

And he answered me and said: Behold I will re-  
store unto thee thy Sight and thy name shall not be  
called any more \* *Luck-s* but *L-a-s*.

Then I praised the Doctor and I made unto him  
Offerings of Gold and of Frankincense.

I also gave laud unto his Name: I wrote his  
Praises with my Hand and the same are recorded in  
the Journal.

The Fame thereof was heard in the West Coun-  
try, yea the People of Munster were annoyed.

It was spoken of in *Cork* and in *Toughal* and  
in *Limerick*; yea also was it related in *Blarney*.

## C H A P II.

**A**ND I took up a Parable, and I said  
A long Cable is not a long Cable, but a Land  
Cable is a Land Cable.

A Land Cable is turned into a long Cable, and  
the long Cable is not any more.

Woe unto the City because of the long Cable:  
It was unto our Fathers a stay unto their Steps, but  
unto their Children it is become a Stumbling-block.

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\* *Lu 12: a non habens.*



Hath it not been said of old Time that the Elders of the People should drink of the Wine thereof? Wherefore then is it withholden from them?

And certain of the Aldermen came unto me, tempting me, and said:

Master, is it lawful to receive *Petty Customs* or not?

Then I said unto them give unto me a Lease, and they gave me a Lease.

And I said, render unto the Aldermen that which is the Aldermen's, and unto the King that which is the King's.

Then the Aldermen wagged their Heads one at another and marvelled at these sayings.

And the Multitude cryed out with one Voice, is not this L---s who was blind? Behold he is wiser in his Generation than the Children of light.

Thus did I receive Applause before Men and I magnified the name of the Doctor.

But the Merchants of the Land and the Tax-gatherers and the Publicans laughed me to scorn.

### C H A P III.

**N**OW it came to pass in those Days, that S-----n who was an Actor, acted in the Theatre.

And S-----n was the Son of Thomas who was called *Punshy*.

And he walked in the steps of his Father. And he said unto his Father, give me the Portion of thy Goods which cometh to my share.

And his Father gave unto him a Shekel of Brass and a Coat of many Colours.

And he blessed him and said, Son enjoy thou the good Things of this Life. Behold

Behold I go down with Sorrow to the Grave;  
for the Whigs they were upon me and they despoiled  
me of my Livings.

My Livings did I exchange for a School and the  
School did I sell for Money; and behold the Money  
hath taken unto it self Wings.

Then S----- arose and he arrayed himself in the  
Coat which his Father gave him and he adorned  
his Forehead with the Brass.

And the Man was well favoured in his own Eyes  
and he found Grace with the young Men who are  
called Sophisters.

Now S----- had a Hand-maid and the Damsel  
was fair to look upon: And he said of this Damsel  
will I make great Gain.

And he adorned her with Bracelets and with  
Knots and with clean Linen; also with Bugles and  
with Spangles adorned he her, and he set a Crown  
of Tin upon her Head.

And he led her forth in the midst of the Theatre  
where the gallant Men were, and the Sophisters  
were amazed, and they clapped their Hands.

But a certain young Man, a Man of Conaught  
saw her and became enamoured of her; insomuch  
that his Teeth did water and the Dew thereof flow-  
ed out of his Mouth.

And he spoke unto her the Words of Deceit, but  
she heeded him not, for the Time was not yet  
come neither was the Candlestick removed out of  
its place.

Then he squeezed her Hand and she squawled,  
he kissed her and she made a noise.

Then S----- arose in his Wrath, and he rebuk-  
ed the young Man, saying what doest thou?

But S-----



But the Men of *Connaught* took part with the Man of *Connaught* and S-----n was discomfited and fled.

And he came unto L---s and said, what shall I do, for the Men of *Connaught* are upon me.

And L---s said unto S-----n, fear not neither be thou dismayed: Are there not Papists in the Land of *Connaught*? and are not the Papists Rebels?

We will go forth into the Streets and into the Market place, and we will say that the Men of *Connaught* are Rebels, so shall it be well with thee.

At these Sayings S-----n was comforted and he returned unto the Theatre.

## C H A P T E R IV

**N**OW I laid up all these Things in my Mind and I said of these Things will I write a Book, and the Book will I give unto the chief Governor.

And it came to pass on a Day when the chief Priests and Princes of the Land were assembled before the chief Governor, that L---s came also among them.

Then certain of the chief Priests and the Princes said unto the chief Governor lo! this Man is mad.

And the chief Governor was dismayed at these Words, but he said within himself, am not I the chief Governor? peradventure in my Presence he will be tame.

Then the chief Governor entreated me mildly and shewed Courtesy unto me, for he was sore afraid,

And

And I opened my Mouth before the chief Governor and I made a Speech, also I gave unto his Hands the Book which I had written.

And the chief Governor said unto the chief Priests and unto the Princes, Is this Man mad? As I live said the chief Governor he is become as one of us.

Then said the chief Governor unto me, go in peace; another time will we talk to thee of these Things.

So I bowed myself and made Obeisance unto the chief Governor and to the chief Priests and to the Princes and I departed and went my way.

Then the chief Governor gave the Book unto an Officer who gave it unto a Scribe, who gave it unto a Servant who readeth the Books which it is deemed that the chief Governor doth read.

And the Servant divided the Book into two Parts: with the one Part did he light his Pipe, and the other part he smoked.

**End of the First Book**



